

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are presented for consideration, with Claims 1 and 11 being independent.

The specification and abstract have been reviewed and amended to correct minor informalities and improve their idiomatic English form. In amending the specification, the title has been changed to that suggested in paragraph 2 of the Office Action. Editorial changes have been made to selected claims.

Claims 1-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Suzuki '649. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 of Applicants' invention relates to a display device comprised of a transparent substrate, a plurality of electroluminescent elements arranged on the transparent substrate, and transparent members having a profile of a frustum of pyramid or cone and respectively covering the electroluminescent elements. Each of the electroluminescent elements are formed by sequentially laying a transparent electrode, an electroluminescent layer, and a reflector electrode on the transparent substrate. In addition, reflection films are formed respectively on surfaces of the transparent members.

A display device as set forth in Claim 11, includes a transparent substrate, a plurality of electroluminescent elements arranged on the transparent substrate, and transparent members respectively covering the electroluminescent elements. Each of the transparent members partly has a curved surface showing a positive curvature, and a part thereof held in contact with the transparent substrate having a curved surface showing a negative curvature. Reflection films are formed respectively on the surfaces of the transparent members.

In accordance with Applicants' claimed invention, a high efficiency display device can be provided.

The Suzuki patent relates to an active matrix type liquid crystal display that uses thin film transistors (TFTs). As shown in the cross-section of Figure 1, the display includes video signal lines and transparent pixel electrodes. The Office Action asserts that Suzuki includes a plurality of electroluminescent elements comprised of a transparent electrode AS, an electroluminescent layer d0 and a reflector electrode DL provided on a transparent substrate. It is respectfully submitted, however, that these elements in Suzuki amount to an i-type semiconductor layer (AS), an n+type amorphous silicon layer (d0) and a data line (DL) formed of conductive films d2 and d3. As understood, these layers do not form electroluminescent elements, but rather form data lines between the TFTs (see Figure 2). As such, they do not perform as electroluminescent elements.

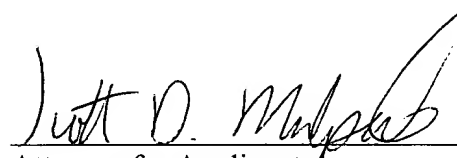
Accordingly, it is submitted that Suzuki fails to anticipate or render obvious Applicants' invention as set forth in independent Claims 1 and 11. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) is respectfully requested.

Thus, it is submitted that Applicants' invention as set forth in independent Claims 1 and 11 is patentable over the cited art. In addition, dependent Claims 2-10 and 12-21 set forth additional features of Applicants' invention. Independent consideration of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of this application is deemed to be in order and such action is respectfully requested.

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